

Low Production in RCF

† 227. DR. D. MASTHAN:

SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there has been low production in Rashtriya Chemicals and Fertilizers Ltd. during past few days due to non supply of adequate quantum of gas by GAIL;

(b) if so, the percentage of decline in production as a result thereof;

(c) the quantum of gas which was to be supplied by GAIL daily, as per the agreement;

(d) the quantum of gas being supplied presently;

(e) whether the said company would suffer loss due to decline in production; and

(f) if so, the amount of loss likely to be suffered?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SATYA BRATA MOOKHERJEE): (a) Yes. Sir.

(b) RCF has been forced to shut down one of its ammonia plants, nitric acid plants and complex fertilizer plants at Trombay since January 2001 owing to short supply of feed gas from GAIL. Besides, the remaining plants at Trombay (Mumbai) are operating at reduced load of around 60-70%. Even at Thai, one of three urea plants has been shut down for want of adequate supply of feed gas from GAIL while the other plants are operating at reduced load of around 66—75%.

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(c) As per Gas Supply Agreement, GAIL is required to supply the following quantity of gas per day to Thai and Trombay plants of RCF:

Plant	Quantity of Gas (MMSCMD)
Thal	3.00
Heavy Water Plant	<u>0.15</u>
	3.15
Fall Back allocation	<u>0.60</u>
	3.75
Trombay	1.8

(d) Against the above commitment under Gas Supply Agreement, the gas supply from GAIL to Thai and Trombay is presently to the tune of 2.0—2.5 and 1.2—1.6 MMSCMD, respectively.

(e) Yes, Sir.

(f) It has been estimated by RCF that they may suffer a reduction in profit of around Rs. 50 crore per annum on account of short supply of gas.

Production/requirement of urea

228. SHRI GOPALSINH G. SOLANKI: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether production level in the private and public sector in the country has been meeting the requirement of urea;

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the steps taken to enhance this level;

(c) the existing production level of urea in each private sector plant, as on date;